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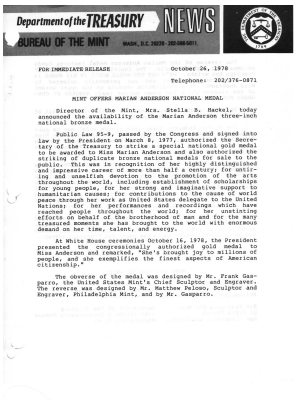

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At White House ceremonies October 16, 1978, the President presented the congressionally authorized gold medal to Miss Anderson and remarked, "She's brought joy to millions of people, and she exemplifies the finest aspects of American citizenship."

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The reverse of the Marian Anderson medal features hands encompassing a global world. The inscription UNITY GOD'S WAY overlaps the wrists. HE'S GOT THE WHOLE WORLD IN HIS HANDS is the theme of the medal and was personally selected by Miss Anderson. This inscription appears on the upper border of the reverse while the lower border reads HONORED BY CONGRESS FOR PUBLIC SERVICE THROUGH MUSIC 1977.

The obverse of the medal features a full-view portrait of the artist with the inscription MARIAN ANDERSON at the top.

The Marian Anderson three-inch bronze medal may be purchased for $7.00 over-the-counter from the Bureau of the Mint Sales Areas at the Philadelphia Mint, the Denver Mint, the San Francisco Old Mint, and the Department of the Treasury Main Building, in Washington, D.C.

The medal may be ordered by mail for $7.30. This price includes mailing and handling costs. The medal is number 663 on the Mint's Medal List. A money order or check payable to the Bureau of the Mint should be sent to the Bureau of the Mint, 55 Mint Street, San Francisco, California 94175. If ordering from another country, remittance should be payable to the Bureau of the Mint either by International Money Order or a check drawn on a U.S. bank payable in U.S. currency.

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